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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: A. Boyd Carnell SERIAL NO. 10/729,318 FILED: Dec. 5, 2003	ATTY DKT NO. P-101667.5 (UTI)
TITLE: SECURED THREADING NUT DECKING CLAMP AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action was dated December 13, 2004, giving a 1 month response due date. This correspondence is a timely response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004.

Election.

The Examiner issued his Office Action requesting an election between Claims 1 and 2, or Claim 3. The applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1 through 2 drawn to a decking clamp. Applicant makes this election reserving the right to the traverse requirement.

Should any additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney. Otherwise, please proceed with prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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